# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Quality of Pulses and Oilseeds
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the country has failed in achieving the self-sufficiency in pulses and edible oils;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the quality of pulses is deteriorating in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken for ensuring better quality of pulses and edible oils?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a): Yes, Madam. The country is not self sufficient in pulses and edible oils. During 2014-15, India imported 4.58 million tonnes of pulses to meet domestic requirement. Similarly, our requirement of vegetable oil was 24.16 million tonnes and domestic production was 9.56 million tonnes during 2014-15. The deficit of pulses and vegetable oils requirement are being met through import.

(b): The major reasons for low production of pulses and oilseeds in India are given below:

â€¢ Less gross cropped area under oilseeds (13%) and pulses (13%) cultivation
â€¢ Pulses (81%) and oilseeds (72%) and are mainly grown under rainfed condition.
â€¢ Pulses and oilseeds are cultivated in marginal and sub-marginal/soils with low resource base.
â€¢ Less availability of quality seeds and location specific varieties.
â€¢ Non-availability of certified seeds of new varieties,
â€¢ Low seed replacement rate
â€¢ Lack of protective irrigation at critical crop growth stages.
(c): No, Madam.

(d): In order to ensure higher productivity of pulses, Government of India is implementing National Food Security Mission (NFSM-Pulse) since 2007-08. During 2016-17, NFSM-Pulses is under implementation in 638 districts of 29 states.

In order to increase the availability of vegetable oils in the country, Government of India is implementing National Mission on Oilseeds and Oil Palm (NMOOP) in 28 states since 2014-15. All the districts of the state are covered under NMOOP.

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